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Scheduled official meetings

Tuesday, 3 December 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Programme of work

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2002/1005)[1]

Iraq: "oil-for-food programme"

Other matters

3 p.m. . . . . 4653rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Africa's food crisis as a threat to peace and security

Briefing by Mr. James Morris, Executive Director of the World Food Programme

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m. . . . . 46th (closed) meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

[1] To be followed by a formal meeting.

Announcement

A public meeting of the Security Council will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5598), as from Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 9.30 a.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 66th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [36]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45)
2. Question of Palestine: draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37) [35]
3. The situation in the Middle East: draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45) [36]

Main Committees

Second Committee

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.26 (item 88)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.49 (item 86); A/C.2/57/L.12 (item 86 (a)); A/C.2/57/L.13 (item 86 (c)); A/C.2/57/L.40 and A/C.2/57/L.41 (item 87); A/C.2/57/L.38 and A/C.2/57/L.45 (item 87 (a)); A/C.2/57/L.16, A/C.2/57/L.21 and A/C.2/57/L.22 (item 87 (b)); A/C.2/57/L.43 and A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)); A/C.2/57/L.17 (item 87 (d)); A/C.2/57/L.18 (item 87 (e)); A/C.2/57/L.19 and A/C.2/57/L.20 (item 87 (f))

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme planning (A/57/6, Programmes 1 (and Corr.1), 2, 3, 5, 7-19 and 24-26, A/57/16, A/C.5/57/12, A/C.5/57/17, A/57/62, A/57/68, A/C.5/57/19 and A/C.5/57/20)); 121 (United Nations pension system (A/57/9, A/C.5/57/11 and A/57/490)); 120 (United Nations common system (A/57/30, A/57/612 and A/C.5/57/16)); and 125 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/57/368, A/57/481 and A/57/481/Corr.1, A/56/853, A/57/347, A/57/482, A/57/587, A/57/593, A/57/5/Add.11, A/57/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/57/5/Add.11/Corr.2 and A/57/439))

2.30 p.m. 29th meeting Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/57/23 and A/57/7/Add.17)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1: Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/57/24 and A/57/7/Add.18)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7: Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26 and A/57/7/Add.19)

First performance report (A/57/616 and A/57/7/Add.16)

Construction of additional office facilities at ECLAC (A/57/467 and A/57/7/Add.8)

Introduction and general discussion

Capital master plan

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.29

Afternoon[1]–4.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Pattern of conferences (A/57/32, A/57/32/Corr.1, A/57/228, A/57/228/Add.1, A/57/228/Add.2, A/57/289, A/56/901, A/57/472, A/C.5/57/18 and A/C.5/57/21))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2004-2005
2. United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/57/L.27
3. The situation of human rights in Myanmar: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48
4. The situation in Central America; procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/57/L.20
5. Khmer Rouge trials: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 42 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on a revised version of the draft resolution under agenda item 42, chaired by H. E. Mr. Enrique Manalo, Deputy Permanent Representative (Philippines) [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Informal consultations of all interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, for relief to development (under agenda item 21 (a)) (organized by the delegation of India)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage" (under agenda item 23) (organized by the delegation of Egypt)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on Part B of the draft resolution under agenda item 21 (d), organized by the delegation of Germany [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 21.

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.40 (item 87) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.37 (item 84 (a)) (International trade and development)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposals A/C.2/57/L.15 (item 86 (d)) (High-level dialogue on strengthening international Economic cooperation for development through partnership) and A/C.2/57/L.44 (item 93) (Ensuring effective support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.33 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.13 (item 86 (c)) (Culture and development)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.18 (item 87 (e)) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.4 (item 84 (e)) (International financial system and development)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.49 (item 86) (International Year of Mountains, 2002)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.28 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.5 (item 84 (b)) (Commodities)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.29 (item 94) (Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.41 (item 87) (Activities undertaken in preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.27 (item 88) (Operational activities for development)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.6 (item 84 (d)) (Enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.38 (item 87 (a)) (World Summit on Sustainable Development)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.36 (item 93) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposals A/C.2/57/L.45 (item 87 (a)) (Decade of Education for Sustainable Development) and A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)) (World Climate Change Conference)

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

[1] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Second Committee in Conference Room 6.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 3 December 2002

Group of 77 *(on all Second Committee draft resolutions)*

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Group of 77 *(Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.10, A/C.2/57/L.33, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.47)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters (on agenda item 112))*

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

UNITAR Workshop on the effective management of meetings

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

[For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).]

Islamic Group *(at the expert level) (draft declaration and resolution on religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation (A/57/L.12))*

2–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 3 December 2002

Room S-226

10 a.m. . . . . Mr. Stirling Scruggs, Director for Information and External Relations, United Nations Population Fund, and Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (launching of the report *The State of World Population, 2002*)

Afternoon[1] . . . . . H.E. Mr. Alfonso Valdivieso (Colombia), President of the Security Council for December (briefing on the Council's work programme for the month)

[1] Following the meetings of the Security Council.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 4 December 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

General Committee

9.30 a.m. . . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Philippines (A/57/234)

Plenary

10 a.m. . . . . 67th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage: marking of the end of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage . . . . . [23]
2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/624) [12]
3. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [17]
   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/605)
   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/606)
   (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/607)

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/608)

(e) International Civil Service Commission: (i) appointment of members of the Commission; (ii) designation of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/609)

(j) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/610)

4. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [47]

5. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security . . . . . [48]

6 Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait . . . . . [49]

7. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations . . . . . [50]

8. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development . . . . . [51]

Main Committees

Second Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 42nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

2.30 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Afternoon[1]–4.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

[1] Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 21) (organized by the delegation of Denmark, on behalf of the European Union)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" under agenda item 21, organized by the delegation of Denmark, on behalf of the European Union, will be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The 243rd (closed) meeting of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait scheduled for *today*, 3 December 2002, at 10.30 a.m. has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 11 December 2002, at 3.30 p.m.[1] in Conference Room 7.

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the Press.

Economic and Social Council

Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o (Kenya).

Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court will resume its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 7 February and from 21 to 23 April 2003.

Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, non-governmental organizations invited to the Rome Conference, registered to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, or having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, whose activities are relevant to the activities of the Court and other non-governmental organizations invited by the Assembly may, through their designated representatives, *inter alia,* attend meetings of the Assembly. Accordingly, non-governmental organizations eligible for accreditation may submit directly, or through the Coalition for an International Criminal Court, a written request with the names of their representatives to attend the resumed sessions of the Assembly. These requests should be addressed to Ms. Mona Khalil, Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel (room S-3420B; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430), at the latest by Wednesday, 22 January 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters (on agenda item 112)*

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters (on agenda item 112) (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003))* from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5, as follows: Wednesday, 4 and Friday, 6 December 2002.

Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultation on the 2003 Biennial Meeting of States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects

H.E. Ms. Kuniko Inogouchi, Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament and Chairperson-designate of the 2003 Biennial Meeting of States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, will chair an informal consultation (open to all Member States) on the 2003 Biennial Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. For further information, please contact Mr. Herbert Loret, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-0049; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; e-mail: loret@un.org).

World Health Organization Briefing

The World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, is co-sponsoring a briefing on the theme "Preparedness Against the Deliberate Use of Biological Agents to Cause Harm" on Monday, 9 December 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include H.E. Mr. Pierre Schori, Permanent Representative of Sweden, and Dr. David Heymann, Executive Director, Communicable Diseases, WHO/Geneva. Interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcements

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The General Assembly will take up the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on Wednesday morning, 11 December 2002. For ease of reference, delegations may also wish to refer to the checklist of reports of the Committee contained in document A/C.4/57/INF/3.

Nominations for the judges and Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

The nomination period for the judges of the International Criminal Court closed on Saturday, 30 November 2002. The period for nominations for the Prosecutor has been extended, by a decision of the President of the Assembly of States Parties, to Sunday, 8 December 2002.

Final list of Third Committee draft proposals

Copies of the final list of the Third Committee draft proposals are available in room S-2950. The list is also available on the Web site the General Assembly (Third Committee) at the following address: www.un.org/ga/57.

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than Monday, 2 December 2002, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 December 2002, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 2 December 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

64th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine . . . . . [35]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/57/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/621)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 35.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Namibia, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Iraq, India, Guyana, Yemen and Indonesia.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/57/L.34 to A/57/L.37 would be taken on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, in the morning, as the second item.

The situation in the Middle East . . . . . [36]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/57/L.44 and A/57/L.45.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Turkey), New Zealand and Turkey.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and Switzerland.

65th plenary meeting *The situation in the Middle East*. . . . . [36]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 36.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Cuba, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Norway, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Argentina, Jamaica, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, Ukraine and Belarus.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that it would consider agenda item 19 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) and the reports of the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 11 December 2002, in the morning.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq. Beirut, 10 May 2001

Ratification: Yemen (15 November 2002)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4(3) of the Covenant: Nepal (21 November 2002)[1]

Agreement establishing the Common Fund for Commodities. Geneva, 27 June 1980

Establishment of conditions of accession by the Lao People's Democratic Republic: Lao People's Democratic Republic (26 November 2002)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Liechtenstein (26 November 2002)[1]

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

Other announcements

International Day of Disabled Persons (December 3)

In conjunction with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an informal briefing, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place *today*, 3 December 2002, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The topic will be "Reinforcing the disability dimension in mainstream development: issues and findings from recent policy research and implications for the rights-based approaches to development." Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The third lecture in the series will take place *today*, 3 December 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Nebojša Nakićenović, Project Leader at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Professor at the Technical University of Vienna, and Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Director-General of Tata Energy Research Institute and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will make brief presentations on "The Interface Between Energy and Climate Change", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Panel discussion on the future of the international civil service

A panel discussion on "The international civil service: Is it in danger?" will be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The panellists will be Mr. James O.C. Jonah, former Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs; Mr. Dimitri Samaras, Chairman of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Staff Council; Ms. Rosemarie Waters, President, United Nations Staff Committee; and Mr. Richard Nottige, President, Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS)/New York, who will be the moderator. The panel is organized to mark Human Rights Day by the United Nations Staff Union, together with the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Staff Council, FAFICS and AFICS/New York. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Opening of an exhibition within the framework of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage

Under the sponsorship of UNESCO and the Permanent Mission of China, the opening of an exhibition within the framework of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, entitled "Our Past, Our Future", will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, from 5.30 to 7 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. The UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture, Mr. Mounir Bouchenaki, the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Wang Yingfan, will open the exhibition.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited. For further information, please contact the UNESCO Office of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-5986; email: byng-clarke@email.com

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. Presentations will be made by Mr. David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy; H.E. Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Kishore Hahbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore on "The Issue of Terrorism and the United Nations Response".

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/57/PV.48	Meeting held on 12 November 2002, 10 a.m. [English]
A/57/PV.50	Meeting held on 14 November 2002, 10 a.m. [English]
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A/57/588-S/2002/1269	*Item 10* – Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization – Prevention of armed conflict: views of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system – Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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S/2002/1288	Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Secretariat	**Documents**
ST/ADM/SER.B/595	Status of contributions as at 30 September 2002 [E F S only]
ST/IC/2002/75	Information circular – Placement and promotion list for staff in the General Service and related categories [French only]
ST/LEG/SER.A/668	Statement of treaties and international agreements – Registered of filed and recorded with the Secretariat during the month of October 2002 [E/F (Bilingual)]

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